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**SUPERINTENDENT TOM HORNE TO DELIVER FOURTH ANNUAL STATE OF
EDUCATION SPEECH – HORNE CONTINUES TO PROMOTE RIGOR AND HIGH
ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR ARIZONA’S STUDENTS**

PHOENIX (Friday, December 30, 2005) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 will deliver his fourth annual “State of Education” speech. The first speech will be given in the morning at Cortez High School in the Glendale Union High School District and later in the afternoon at Sahuarita High School in Southern Arizona. Horne’s speeches will be given at “Highly Performing” Title 1 (high poverty) schools.

Superintendent Horne will have three initiatives: the first initiative will be a major announcement for assistance with AIMS; the second, teacher compensation; and the third, a program for increased rigor in curriculum.

Wednesday, January 4, 2006

**9:30 a.m. Cortez High School – “Highly Performing”
8828 North 31st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85051
(623) 915 - 8200**

**1:30 p.m. Sahuarita High School – “Highly Performing”
350 West Sahuarita Road
Sahuarita, AZ 85629
(520) 625 - 3502**

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